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CCA DELIVERS

March 3, 2016

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EVENTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**STAKEHOLDER MEETING TO
REVIEW EXISTING BUILDING
ENERGY AND WATER
EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
6:30 p.m.

NFL COMMUNITY MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
10:30 a.m.

NFL COMMUNITY MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**HEART OF THE CITY 5K
RUN/WALK**

THURSDAY, MAY 12
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**22ND ANNUAL TREASURES
OF LOS ANGELES**



Toni Hohberg, FIDM; Councilmember David Ryu; Martha Saucedo, AEG; Carol Schatz, CCA

Councilmember David Ryu at CCA's Executive Committee

Councilmember David Ryu addressed CCA members at the March Executive Committee about the City's most pressing issues.

Ryu expressed optimism about the City and County's coinciding strategies to address homelessness. He also voiced concern about domestic violence programs that are being cut; he believes additional funding is needed to help prevent victims from falling into homelessness. Ryu believes that employment is the most important tool to keep individuals off the streets. When asked about potential funding sources to address homelessness, Ryu said that he was in support of a linkage fee as a possibility.

CCA IN ACTION

On Tuesday, CCA testified at the City Council's Planning, Land Use & Management Committee in support of the House L.A. motions to reduce the cost of housing production and increase the housing supply citywide. CCA believes these motions are a step in the right direction to help alleviate the housing crisis by amending the site plan review ordinance, expediting processing to add units faster through a streamlined process,

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 10**

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

HOMELESSNESS POLICY COMMITTEE

(Open to Executive,
Business Advocacy and
Premier Level Members
Only)

Topics: Los Angeles
County's Homeless
Initiative

Special Guest: Phil
Ansell, Homeless
Initiative, Chief
Executive Office, Los
Angeles County

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 16**

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

HOUSING, LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Open to Executive,
Business Advocacy and
Premier Level Members
Only)

Topics: Housing
Moratorium Initiative;
Build Better LA

Ryu also addressed LADWP reform and stated that he is in agreement with the Mayor, except for professionalizing the board. He does not believe changing the board into full time positions will give them more independence.

Members voiced concerns about the legalization of street vending. For him, it is not an immigration or small business issue, but a public health one. Ryu mentioned that the City needs to prevent dangerous street vending that is happening, but it should not be criminalized.

CCA would like to thank **Councilmember David Ryu** for his presentation and remarks and **Toni Hohberg**, FIDM, for hosting the meeting.

Transportation, Infrastructure & Energy Committee

This morning, CCA members heard from City Councilmember Felipe Fuentes about the Department of Water & Power's (LADWP) governance and reform. Members also heard from Metro about a potential station in the Arts District.

Fuentes said that LADWP is not an independent, accountable or agile utility due to its current governing structure. His solution is to create a full-time professional board to oversee the department. The board would have its own, independent analysts and legal team to vet staff proposals and policies. City Hall should be removed from the decision-making process at LADWP. There are numerous questions that must still be answered, such as how the board members are selected. The Council will be conducting additional hearings citywide, before it finalizes a proposal for the voters.

David Miegiers from Metro discussed possible sites for a light rail station in the Arts District. There are potential sites near the L.A. River. Metro is conducting studies about tunnel widening and the creation of a "turn-back yard" that would be necessary before a new station could be built. These studies cannot preclude the construction of a station. Metro is also beginning a study of the West Santa Ana Branch line, which could potentially go from Union Station down Alameda St. through the Arts District and on to the Gateway Cities. Either of these lines will require dedicated Metro funding.

CCA thanks **Councilmember Felipe Fuentes** and **David Miegiers**, Metro, for their presentations.

For more information, please contact CCA's Director of Government Relations, [John Howland](#).

reducing parking requirements for housing near transit, and permitting micro units. For more information, please contact CCA's Public Policy Analyst, [Aaron Jimenez](#).

This week, CCA testified at the Energy & Environment Committee and at the City Council in favor of the LADWP Power and Water rate increases. CCA has deeply vetted this issue with LADWP making two presentations to our members and then working directly with several of them to assess the financial impacts. CCA's Executive Committee voted to support the increase due to the high risk if there are more delays in maintenance and improvements to LADWP's aging infrastructure. The Council tentatively approved the increases, with a second vote later in March. For more information, please contact CCA's

Initiative

Special Guests: Ed Casey, Alston & Bird; Mott Smith, Civic Enterprise

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 23**
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**DOWNTOWN 2030
COMMITTEE**

(Open to Executive, Business Advocacy and Premier Level Members Only)

Topics: UCLA Extension; 1st & Broadway Civic Center Park; The Spot @ Hope Street

Special Guests: Wayne Smutz, Ph.D., UCLA Extension; Sara Hernandez, Office of Councilmember José Huizar; Michael Shull and Cathie Santo Domingo, Department of Recreation and Parks; Paul Tseng and Mahmood Karimzadeh, Bureau of Engineering; Jessica Lall and Josh Kreger, South Park BID

Director of Government Relations, [John Howland](#).

NEW MEMBERS

[Preux & Proper](#)

[Gonzales Law Group](#)

[European Wax Center](#)

**CCA MEMBERS
IN THE NEWS**

“This is a big award for a new store like ours, we really want to be a part of the community here. For us to be recognized like this, well, I think it’s a win for everyone in Downtown,” Michael Bowen, [Whole Foods Market](#). February 26, 2016. *Downtown News*. ["Whole Foods Named Project of the Year."](#)

“A Downtown resident should not have to leave town to host a birthday party or sit by a fire,” Nate Cormier, [AECOM](#). March 1,

2016. *Downtown News*. ["Running Down the Finalists' Designs for the First and Broadway Park."](#)

“We have the opportunity to do something special along the water front, just as it's been done in a lot of other cities,” Wayne Ratkovich, [The Ratkovich Company](#). March 2, 2016. *Los Angeles Times*. ["Developers reveal plans for \\$100-million makeover of Ports O' Call."](#)

“We were looking for something to give back to the city, I hope to give back to the city that gave me so much,” Leonard Hill, [Linear City Development](#). March 2, 2016. *Downtown News*. ["Arts District Developer to Fund Public Space Under Sixth Street Bridge."](#)

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